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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5536**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Haugen, Poulsen, Finkbeiner, Morton, Benson, Delvin, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Mulliken and Shin)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/05.

1       AN ACT Relating to the basic health plan; creating a new section;  
2 and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
5 committee shall conduct a study of the basic health plan. Part 1 of  
6 the study shall examine the extent to which basic health plan policies  
7 and procedures promote or discourage the provision of appropriate,  
8 high-quality, cost-effective care to basic health plan enrollees.  
9 Issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to, whether: (a)  
10 Enrollees are encouraged to engage in wellness activities and receive  
11 preventive services; (b) evidence-based treatment strategies are  
12 identified and promoted; (c) enrollees are encouraged to use high-  
13 quality providers; (d) enrollees with chronic or other high-cost  
14 conditions are identified and provided with appropriate interventions;  
15 and (e) innovative health care service delivery methods are encouraged.  
16 Part 1 of the study report must be completed by December 15, 2005.

17       (2) Part 2 of the study must examine the characteristics of  
18 individuals enrolled in the basic health plan, and their utilization of  
19 health care services, including but not limited to: (a) Enrollee

1 longevity on the basic health plan; (b) circumstances that led to basic  
2 health plan enrollment; (c) how enrollees obtained health care prior to  
3 basic health plan enrollment; (d) health care coverage of other  
4 household members; (e) service utilization patterns; and (f) employment  
5 status and by whom basic health plan enrollees are employed. A part 2  
6 interim report must be completed by December 15, 2005, and the final  
7 report completed by July 1, 2006.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or  
9 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general  
10 fund to the joint legislative audit and review committee for the fiscal  
11 year ending June 30, 2006, to carry out the purposes of this act.

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